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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To The Chairman and Members of the Urban District of

Longdendale.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to submit herewith my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1946.

CHILD WELFARE.

The fortnightly meetings of the Welfare Centre were held as before at St. Mary's School under the supervision of Dr. Talbot and myself with the able assistance of the Health Visitor, Nurse Spencer.

The Health Visitor has contributed a great success to the Welfare and I would therefore like to express my hearty thanks for her able assistance and the success of the Welfare.

A further report by Dr. Talbot is annexed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1946 are as follows:-

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
Whooping Cough.	16	1	2	
Dysentry.	2			
Pneumonia.	1			
Erysipelas.	1		1	1
Diphtheria.		1		
Measles.		1	1	16
Rubella.		1		
Chicken Pox.		14	12	20

C.M.O.H. = County Medical Officer of Health.

There was an unusual notification of Anthrax but on investigation and consultation with the C.M.O.H. and B.M.A. I was advised to remove it from the register and I informed the Registrar General.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births. 68 during the year, of these 36 were males and 32 were females.
Birth Rate 15.7 per 1,000 of estimated population compared with 19.1% for England and Wales.

Still Births. 1 reported during the year.
Compared with 0.53% for England and Wales.

Deaths. The number of deaths during the year was 80.

42 were males

38 were females.

Death Rate. 18.2 per 1,000 of estimated population compared with 11.5% for England and Wales.

The principal causes of deaths are:-

Disease.	No. of Deaths.	
Whooping Cough.	-	1 M.
Tuberculosis.	-	1 M.
Cancer of Stomach.	-	1 M.
Cancer of Breast.	2 F.	-
Cancer of other sites.	2 F.	5 M.
Intracranial Vascular Lesion.	7 F.	2 M.
Heart.	17 F.	17 M.
Other Circulatory Diseases.	-	2 M.
Bronchitis.	2 F.	1 M.
Pneumonia.	1 F.	1 M.
Other Resp. Diseases.	-	1 M.
Appendicitis.	1 F.	-
Other Digest Disease.	1 F.	2 M.
Nephritis.	2 F.	-
Prem. Birth.	1 F.	-
Other Inf. Diseases.	-	2 M.
Road Traffic.	1 F.	
Other Causes.	2 F.	4 M.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were 4 deaths of infants under 1 year, 3 Males and 1 Female.

Infantile Mortality 58.8 per 1,000 Live Births as compared with England and Wales of 43 per 1,000 related Births.

This is comparatively higher than that of last year.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING.

There are two District Nurses, one for Hollingworth and Tintwistle and the other for Mottram and Broadbottom. Fully realising the old differences in the past that brought about these divisions, it is my earnest hope that the Council will do all in their power in amalgamating these areas under one Nurse fully equipped with Car and other facilities.

TUBERCULOSIS.

This, gentlemen, is a very grave disease and one that I should devote a paragraph to. The incidence of Tuberculosis in the District is rising steadily. This rise is partly due to congestion of houses, improper drainage and sewage disposal, bad social habit of talking to people's face etc., and the type of milk supplied.

The Sanatorium is congested at present and the fact that these cases have to wait in their homes before they can be admitted predispose others to infection. I would suggest to you, Gentlemen, either to find a building or to erect a few huts away from the Residential area for these unfortunate people prior to their admittance. There were 7 new cases and the number may be higher for next year. This is high for a small district.

The statistic for Tuberculosis Mortality for Great Britain and Wales are:-

Respiratory	-	.464)	per 1,000 civilian
Other	-	.083)	population.

In view of the rise of Tuberculosis in the District, I would urge the Council to take active steps in having most, if not all the milk in the area pasteurised. I shall, as soon as possible, encourage such procedures by Public Lectures.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Small pox.	Beds are retained in the Heartshead Smallpox Hospital for cases occurring in the District.
Tuberculosis.	Tuberculous patients attend the Tuberculosis Clinic in Hyde. Patients are sent to Sanatoria on the recommendation of the County Tuberculosis Officer.
Diphtheria	Diphtheriacases are admitted into Hyde Infectious Diseases Hospital.
Venereal Diseases.	Treatment is provided for Venereal Diseases at the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Midwifery.	A County Midwife resides in Hollingworth for the domiciliary midwifery in the District. There are also excellent facilities provided for expectant mothers at the District Infirmary and the Lake Hospital both in Ashton-under-Lyne.

SCHOOLS.

The work of routine school Medical Inspection was carried out as in the previous year by a Medical Officer appointed by the Cheshire County Council. The Sanitary arrangements and conditions in the schools were reported satisfactory.

Owing to the re-occurence of Diptheria in the district most of the children at school were re-immunised and antitoxing were given to the contacts. Luckily, there was no outbreak among the children.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Regulations applying to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops were enforced. The 10 accredited farms in the district were inspected by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The source of supply is from an upland spring from the Arnfield Clough and the water is not only soft but is analytically pure.

DRAINAGE, SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSALS.

The general contour of the area affords excellent drainage. Some areas still have a bad sewage disposal. Kindly permit me, Gentlemen, to stress the urgency of such a demand.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

1946 return.

COUNCIL'S HOUSING SCHEME.

Messrs. Dobson Chapman & Partners of Macclesfield have been appointed Architects and Surveyors to the Council. They have submitted plans for the erection of sixty-two houses of the non-

parlour type, consisting of Living room, Scullery, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, 2 W.C.s and the usual out-buildings. The siting of the houses are 16 at Broadbottom, 30 houses at Hollingworth, and 16 at Mottram. The Broadbottom and Hollingworth sites have been approved by the appropriate departments, Ministry of Health, Town Planning authority, and County Architects. Contracts have been accepted and work has already commenced on these two sites.

FACTORIES.

Some factories which were visited last year included the Cairo Mill at Broadbottom and Walter Hey & Son in Mottram. Advices were readily given for the benefit of the employers especially in such matters as accidents, ventilation, sanitation and general cleanliness of the factories.

AREA AND POPULATION.

The acreage of the District at the end of 1946 was 3,547 and the population as estimated by the Registrar General was 4,532.

The rateable value amounted to £22,372 and the sum represented by a penny rate was as follows:-

£85.	5.	6.	Gross.
£82.	18.	2.	Nett.

PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS.

The Adoptive Acts are:-

(1) Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act.
(2) Public Health Act.

The Bye-laws in force relate to the following:-

(1) New Streets and Buildings.
(2) Common Lodging Houses.
(3) Slaughter Houses.
(4) Houses let in Lodgings.
(5) Cleansing and Scavenging.
(6) Offensive Trades.
(7) Nuisances.

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B.A; M.B; Ch.B; B.A.O.

December 1947.

HOLLINGWORTH CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1946.

Medical Officer: Ernest Talbot, M.B., Ch.B.

Health Visitor: Nurse F. Spencer, S.R.N., S.C.M.

The meetings are held fortnightly (on Thursdays) at St. Mary's School, Hollingworth.

During the year the Centre was opened on twenty-five occasions.

The following are the figures of attendances:-

Total number of attendances:	1012.
Total number seen by Medical Officer:	196.
Total number of New Cases attending:	96.
Average attendance per meeting:	40.

The attendance figures for the year bring out two points of interest. In the first place the number of New Cases attending is a record one and is more than twice the number attending the Centre four years ago. Although this is due almost entirely to an increasing birth rate, it does indicate that the mothers appreciate the value of early supervision and advice, and the provision of a safe and reliable milk supply at a reasonable cost. It is important for the future health and well being of the infants, that mothers should be encouraged to bring them to the Clinic; by so doing, early recognition of pathological conditions, deformities and irregularities of diet can be detected at an early stage for treatment and direction to appropriate Clinics.

A second point of interest revealed in the attendance figures is surprising and shows that in spite of the increased number of New Cases attending, the overall attendances for the last three years continue to show considerable and progressive decreases. Possibly the increasing demand for women workers in local industry has made it more and more difficult for mothers to bring their older infants to the Centre, and this is a factor which may have to be taken into consideration if continuous supervision of infants of pre-school age is to be maintained.

Attendances were restricted during the month of February this year owing to severe weather conditions.

The health of the infants has been well maintained in spite of continued food and clothing problems, and restrictions.

ERNEST TALBOT.

M.B.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Year ended 31st December, 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Longdendale Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1946.

HOUSING.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED.

One Bungalow Green Lane, Hollingworth, during the year.

ADDITIONAL HOUSES.

One Dwelling house, No.5 & 7, converted into two houses.

HUTMENTS.

One Hutment No. 9, Hobson Mr. Rd., Hollingworth, in lieu of Caravan demolished by Fire.

Total 3.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLING HOUSES.

The Lodge, Thorncliffe Hall Rd., Hollingworth.
No. 16, Hyde Road, Mottram.
No. 11, Hobson Mr. Rd., Mottram.

Total 3.

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS ERECTED (GARAGES).

Printers Fold, Hollingworth.	1	Total 6.
Woolley Lane, "	1	
Spring Street, "	1	
Rabbit Lane, Mottram.	1	
Church Brow, "	1	
Old Quarry, Hobson Moor, Mottram.	1	

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

(a)	Total number of houses inspected for Housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts.	77
(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	231
	Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	77
	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	none
	Remedy of defects during the year without formal notices.	31
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by local authority or their officers.	29

Proceedings under Housing Acts 1936.

Number of Dwelling houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied during the year. (in hand.)	17

NUISANCES. - ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS.

Sanitary Inspections.	1034
Statutory Notices served.	none
Informal notices served.	55
Abated with or without notice.	329

SANITARY CONVENIENCES, CONVERSION OR DISPENSATION.

1 W.W.C. dispensed with at No. 3 Taylor St., Hollingworth.

Privies.	Moveable Receptacles to Fresh Water Closets.
1	1. Pear Tree Farm, Broadbottom.
2	2. Millhill Farm & Cottages, Hattersley.
2	2. No. 40 & 42, Lr.Market St., Broadbottom.
2	2. Waggon & Horses Inn, Mottram.
1 Fixed.	1. Auxiliary Cottage, Hollingworth.
8	8.

ADDITIONAL CONVENIENCES ETC.

	Fresh Water Closets.	Baths.	Septic tanks.	Rofuse Bins.	
	1	1		1	Mersey Mill Flat. 86,Market St., Hollingworth.
	1				88 "
	1	1			90 "
	1	1		1	Bungalow,Green Ln., Woolley Farm.
		1			31,Market St.,
		1			Waggon & Horses, Mottram.
	1		1	2	Station House, Broadbottom.
	1	1	1	1	Auxiliary House, M.C.W.W.
Total.	7	7	2	5	

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BATHS.

Private.	390)	
Clubs.	2)	Total 398.
Public Slipper Baths.	6)	

DESCRIPTION AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Ashbins.	1427
Privies. moveable.	750
" fixed.	1
Fresh water closets.	863
Waste " "	53
Hand flush closets.	9
Latrines.	12
Septic tanks.	99

DISINFECTION OF HOUSES.

Premises disinfected.	After infectious cases.	Method of disinfection.
7 houses.	28	Liquid spray and formic acid gas.

DISINFESTATION OF HOUSES.

Nature of infestation.	Houses Disinfected.	Rooms dealt with.	Method of Disinfestation.
Bugs.	1	4	Intersecticides, and fumigants.
Foul condition.	1	4	

LICENSED SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND KNACKERS YARDS ETC.

Slaughter houses.	4.	Occasional slaughtering of pigs takes place in accordance with regulations.
Knackers yards and fat boilers premises.	1.	

Complaints are constantly being made regarding offensive smells emitting from the latter works during processing of Trade waste etc. The owners have been requested to eliminate the nuisance, and requested to provide suitable apparatus for dealing with same. Up to date experiments have been unsuccessful.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Number of carcases inspected.	Where killed.	Carcases condemned or parts condemned.
5	4 slaughterhouse. 1 farmhouse.	none.

FOOD CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Canned foods.	tins.	lbs.
Beef.	3	1½
Tongue.	1	6
Salmon.	3	2½
Soups.	2	2
Beans.	34	44
Pears.	12	30
Guaves.	4	10
Gooseberries.	3	7½
Milk.	6 14½ oz.	5½
Total.	68	109.

Other foods.		
Muscat raisins.	1 Box.	25 lbs.
Bacon (flitch)		1½ "
Butter (Danish)		4¾ "
Bread.	10 large loaves. 18 small "	31 "
Total.		62¼

PARTICULARS RE FARMS, DAIRIES, MILK SHOPS, VENDORS ETC.

	FARMS.	DAIRIES.	MILK PRODUCERS.	MILK NOT PRODUCERS.	RETAILERS.	WHOLESALERS.	QUALITY. RAW.	QUALITY. ACCREDITED.	STERILIZED.	PASTEURIZED.
Hollingworth area.	16	15	15	1	15	15	13	2	1	1
Mottram area.	18	16	16	2	16	14	11	5		
Broadbottom area.	7	7	7		7	6	4	3		
	41	38	38	3	38	35	28	10	1	1

	SHOP PREMISES.	QUALITY SOLD. RAW.	STERILIZED.	PASTEURIZED.	ACCREDITED.
Hollingworth area.	10	1	8	1	
Mottram area.	2		1	1	
Broadbottom area.	6	6			
	18	7	9	2	

	RETAIL PRODUCERS. NOT LOCAL.
Hollingworth area.	4
Mottram area.	
Broadbottom area.	3
	7

WHOLESALERS. NOT LOCAL.	
Sterilized bottled milk.	1
Pasteurized " "	1
	2

Inspections have been made during the year and defects located. After drawing occupants' attention to same, the defects were immediately remedied. Otherwise I have no comments.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The number of premises registered is as follows:-

Bakehouses	12.	Boot & Shoe repairing	4.	Joiners shops	5.
Firewood	2.	Mechanics shop and garages	5.	Gas works	2.
Textiles	3.	Garments	2.	Bleachworks	1.
Blacksmiths & shoeing	1.	Plumbers & elec.	3.	Hairdressers	3.
Photo studios	1.	Plastic mechan.	1.	Painters	2.
Offensive trd	5.	Sewage works	2.	Stores yard	2.
Quarry works	1.				

The number of above premises total 58. On inspection of above premises in several cases I was accompanied by the M.O.H. During the visits defects were found, the owners' attention being drawn to same and defects remedied.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION ORDER) 1919.
RATS AND MICE (INFESTATION ORDER) 1943.

Several cases of minor infestation have been reported, chiefly premises and surface infestation. These have received immediate attention and premises disinfected. Sewers, Tips and land owned by Council have received treatment with satisfactory results. Contracts are entered into with regard to infestations, at private premises in this area, the work being carried out direct by County Rodent Officer.

WATER SUPPLY.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPPLY.

The source of supply is from springs situate Arnfield Clough, Tintwistle. The supply being supplemented by brook water only in very exceptional cases of dry weather or drought. The supply is what is termed a bulk supply and is purchased from Manchester Waterworks authority, Analysis of water taken from above source has been reported as satisfactory and of good quality. An abundant supply has been maintained from this source during the year.

WATER SUPPLY STATISTICS.

Popular area.	Houses served.		Approximate population served.
Local authorities supply.	Hollingworth ward	637.)	1830.)
	Mottram & Broadbottom wards.	)1480.	)4300.
		843.)	2470.)

Out Districts.	Houses served.	Approximate population served.
Private supplies, wells, pumps, springs.	198.	300.

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION.

Local authorities supply.	Domestic supply 1000 gallons.	Other purposes 1000 gallons.	Total 1000 gallons.
Hollingworth ward	40.76	3.08	43.84
Mottram & Broad-bottom wards.	37.02	4.60	41.62
Totals.	77.78	7.68	85.46

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION SERVED.

	Population served.	Daily consumption.	Average consumption per head per day.
Hollingworth ward.	1830	40.76	22.72 gls.pr.hd.
Mottram and Broad-bottom wards.	2470	37.02	14.98 "

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OVER THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

Houses served on local.	Population served.	Average daily consumption. 1000 gallons.	Average consumption per head per day.
1480	4.300	77.78	17.90

Yours obediently,

HAROLD HAYNES.

Sanitary Inspector.